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Dear Alumni,

As another year passes by, I am reminded of just how significant each of you is to the success of our school. From mentoring to emotional and financial support, you have helped this school become what it is today.

Saying thank you seems inadequate to express my appreciation for what you have done to help our school be successful. As I travel, I see your influence in other institutions and in young people. The light that you carry makes a difference. It makes me very proud to see our alumni involved in so many amazing projects and places.

In this year's **LOMA LINDA NURSE**, we are focusing on gifts and how what you have done for us really helps both the students and our school overall. These are just a few of your stories. I hope that you are as inspired by these stories as I was when I read them. We are always looking for more stories of how our alumni are helping others and fulfilling the mission.

In a few short weeks we will host you, our alumni, at our yearly homecoming, April 12–13, 2013. Our topic this year is "Seasons of Service." We always look forward to seeing each of the honored classes, and spending some time hearing your memories of nursing school and how you have used the education you received at Loma Linda University School of Nursing. I hope to see you here.

Thank you for your prayers and support of our school. I would love to hear from you individually about how you are continuing to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ, 'to make man whole.'

Sincerely,

Marilyn M. Herrmann

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One only needs to read a newspaper, watch the news, or look at their Facebook news feed to see that times are tough in this economic climate. Words like sequestration and fiscal cliff never seemed to have as much meaning as they do now.

Budgets across the nation are tightening, taxes are rising, and tough choices are being made about higher education and health care.

"I've sat with many students over the past year and listened as they tell me how difficult it has become to pay for school," says Marilyn Herrmann, PhD, dean of the School of Nursing. "Some have taken on two or three jobs just so that they can remain in school."

Despite the economic difficulties, one thing is clear: getting a high-quality education at Loma Linda is

very important to these students. With a growing enrollment of more than 600 at the school, resources are being stretched in a way that has never before happened.

"It is with these challenges that solutions have presented themselves in the form of caring alumni," continues Dr. Herrmann. "Our alumni, and others that have been touched in some way by this school, have made a stand to help this school continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ."

MARK AND ANITA SCHULTZ

The recently established William and Marguerite Schultz community health perpetual endowment at Loma Linda University School of Nursing will fund

From student scholarships to community health education to raising the standards of nursing education internationally, donors have truly made an impact and are changing the lives of others.

"Every single day that I come to work I can look around and see the impact of the thoughtfulness and commitment of our supporters," says Dr. Herrmann. "It is a privilege to see how people are being blessed through these gifts."

Following are two of those stories.

a variety of programs that enable nursing students and faculty to do in health education outreach to the people of the Inland Empire, the nation, and the world.

The endowment was created by Mark and Anita Schultz to honor his parents and ensure the continuation of their legacy of active, personal involvement in the community for generations to come.

"The purpose of this fund is to serve as an educational adjunct to the School of Nursing," Mr. and Mrs. Schultz stipulated in a December 17 document establishing the fund, "by providing financial assistance for global community health projects in which the school is participating or is otherwise involved."

The Schultzes define the term "global community" as referring to "local, national and international communities." The document directs the school to administer the fund for the support of "projects and programs that

by James Ponder and Dustin Jones

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DELIVERING LOMA LINDA'S MESSAGE TO THE WORLD

by Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH
President, Loma Linda University Health

Names carry significance in all cultures. Sometimes they tell where you are from, or what group you belong to. Most help to identify countries of origin. Organizational names are also important and signify reputations and history for decades, even centuries. There are few things that are of more value than a good name, giving a foundation to build upon. It is to be treasured and guarded for future generations.

Loma Linda has gone through a number of name changes in its 108-year history. It first started in 1905 with the nursing school as the College of Evangelists, and then became the College of Medical Evangelists when it added the medical school in 1909. While some wish we had kept the

descriptive name of CME, it gradually became too limiting as more schools were added and the clinical services grew. The name change to Loma Linda University came in 1961, just six years after our 50th anniversary and four years after the first School of Dentistry graduation. In 1980, the Medical Center became a separate corporation due to the increasing complexity of health care and contracting in California.

In 1990, when we separated from La Sierra University, we began to call ourselves an “academic health center.” Then in 1997, we created a parent organization to serve as the glue to hold the entire campus together. This was called Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center, or LLUAHSC. While technically accurate and descrip-

tive, this name was too long to either remember or understand easily. This is especially true for those who do not know us well. There are only a few administrators who actually work for LLUAHSC, while most employees are tied to one or several of the subsidiary organizations within Loma Linda.

As the organization continues to grow in size and complexity, now with six hospitals, eight professional schools, and more than 1,200 faculty including 800 physicians, the number of legal corporations has also grown. There are now some 32 different legal entities that make up Loma Linda. This has led to an increased complexity in names as well. When we need to talk about an individual entity, it is not too bad—Loma Linda University, Loma Linda

University Medical Center, Loma Linda University School of Nursing, or Loma Linda University Medical Center – Murietta, for example. But when we are referring to the whole, it has become downright confusing. On one of our publications recently we started trying to list each of the Loma Linda organizations involved and the list became very long, with a different seal for every one.

So over the past two years, as we were preparing for Vision 2020, we recognized the need to have a unified name and brand for all of Loma Linda. As our reputation has grown across the country and world, we needed a handle that is easy to remember and refers to the whole enterprise. It needed to be something that includes the hospitals, the university, the faculty practice groups, and all the other activities. After careful consideration of many options, we have chosen **Loma Linda University Health (LLUH)**. LLUAHSC will remain our legal name, but Loma Linda University Health will be our dba (doing business as), the name we use in our public relations and marketing activities. So when you see that name, know that it is still us, a growing complex with 14,000 employees continuing to do what we have done for 108 years. We are also placing a

descriptor under the name—A Seventh-day Adventist Organization. We are proud of this identity and want to make clear who we are.

We are keeping our motto—To Make Man Whole—which was selected in 1955 at the time of our 50th anniversary and has become iconic for Loma Linda. Our mission statement was developed more recently and will also remain—Continuing the Teaching and Healing Ministry of Jesus Christ. Most organizations also have “taglines” that further depict their activities. In marketing for LLUH, we have decided to use a tagline that the Medical Center has established with success—Many Strengths, One Mission. After searching for many good taglines, everyone agreed that this was already one of the best, and describes us well, so we decided to use it for all of LLUH.

The final piece of Vision 2020 that we feel is imperative is to have a unifying concept, or theme, that makes us unique. I was surprised and pleased at how quickly our campus determined this should be our emphasis on wholeness and healthy lifestyles. So we are now expanding our traditional lifestyle programs and strengthening what we do on campus, as well as what we share with our patients and the community. In addition, we have our Living Whole program, which includes a number of wellness activities for faculty, staff, and students. While many talk about wellness programs today, no one features our unique understanding of spiritual awareness, a supportive community, and an emphasis on service to others.

Few organizations have grown more significantly, yet remained the same for

more than 100 years, than Loma Linda. When I read of the dreams and plans of our founders, they sound remarkably similar to what we have today. We still seek to excel in both education and health care. We send graduates around the corner and around the world in service. We continue to emphasize our spiritual values and understanding, with a major focus on whole-person care. While we upgraded our seal a few years ago, it still symbolizes our core features of education, research, and health care. We have simplified our core values to just five that are now shared across the enterprise—Compassion, Excellence, Integrity, Teamwork, and Wholeness.

I am particularly pleased with the increasing integration I see across this campus. We all recognize that we are stronger together, each benefiting from the activities and reputation of the whole. As we prepare for the lofty goals of Vision 2020, with a major building expansion on this campus, we commit ourselves to value and protect the heart and soul of this place. It has served us well for many years and will remain our foundation for the future. ❀



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Associate dean of practice and research joins LLU School of Nursing

by Dustin Jones, MA

Judith Lloyd Storfjell, PhD, recently joined the School of Nursing as associate dean of practice and research. Dr. Storfjell will also serve as chief nursing officer and senior vice president for patient care services at LLU Medical Center.

She brings to the positions extensive experience in education, research, health care administration, consulting, publishing, lecturing, and health care consulting.

"This is an exciting time for health care," says Dr. Storfjell. "My time serving on the LLU Boards helped me realize how uniquely qualified Loma Linda is to become a national leader in health care integration and quality with a dynamic focus on health and wellness. I am privileged to be a part of this journey."

She previously served as professor, associate dean for practice, partnerships, and policy, and executive director of the Institute for Healthcare Innovation, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing. She was responsible for the entrepreneurial and clinical practice initiatives of the college, as well as instructing graduate classes on health care financial and strategic management.

In terms of research, Dr. Storfjell has been funded to study: nurse retention; models of nurse-managed primary care for underserved individuals, physically disabled women, and persons with severe mental illness; care management and population health; and costs associated with acute care nursing units and home care interventions.



Judith Lloyd Storfjell, PhD

Dr. Storfjell also brings extensive experience in health care management and administration to her new positions. She is founder and past president of a diversified home health care company that operates in several states and is affiliated with a multi-institutional health care system. As president, she had overall responsibility for the development, management, and viability of certified home health and hospice programs, as well as private duty services.

For more than 20 years she has consulted on health care projects throughout the United States and abroad with specific emphasis on the organization and management of health care entities, strategy development and implementation, and positioning organizations for long-term viability. Her expertise extends to the integration of financial and operational strategies, activity-based costing, and the balanced scorecard concept in health care settings.

Dr. Storfjell has consulted on several Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention projects, including the community nursing organization project (to study capitation in home care); the home care prospective payment and case mix development projects; and the Maine Public Health Emergency Preparedness programs.

Dr. Storfjell has lectured and published extensively on productivity, health care costs, and care management. She is co-author of the Community Health Accreditation Program's standards for home care and community health organizations as well as co-author of the *Easley-Storfjell Instruments for Caseload/Workload Analysis* including a well-used patient complexity classification system.

She received a PhD in nursing from the University of Michigan with emphasis in health care administration, research, economics, and gerontology; an MS in community health nursing administration from the University of Michigan; and a bachelor's degree in nursing from Walla Walla University.

Dr. Storfjell has served as Board member for several LLU Health Boards since 2008. In addition, she served on the boards of two other health systems, a university, and an international organization. She is a member of the professional advisory board of United Healthcare and a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. ❀

Around and About— News bits from the School of Nursing

DNP program receives accreditation

School of Nursing administration was notified in October of 2012 that the doctor of nursing practice program was awarded accreditation by the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The program is a practice-focused, indirect care MS to DNP program that prepares graduates to function in independent leadership roles either in advanced practice (patient care) or advanced leadership roles (health care systems).

The program addresses and meets the American Association of Colleges of Nursing recommendation that advanced practice specialty areas be staffed by doctorally qualified nurses by 2015. Following the site visit to Loma Linda in early 2012, site visitors stated they were very impressed with the program and had no recommendations for change. In fact, they stated they would take some of the ideas with them to present as suggestions for other schools. More information on the program can be found at www.llu.edu/nursing/programs/dnp.page.

School of Nursing expands into north side of West Hall

The graduate program of the School of Nursing has moved into the north side of West Hall, a space previously occupied by the School of



The School of Nursing's new DNP program was officially awarded accreditation in October of 2012.

Pharmacy since its inception in 2002. Prior to that, the space was occupied by the Graduate School and other entities. The School of Pharmacy is now located in Shryock Hall in the old quadrangle of campus. This move allows both schools to grow and focus on education quality with larger classrooms and more office space for faculty.

With more than 600 students in the School of Nursing, classroom space was becoming a significant problem for the school.

Leader receives several awards

Judith Storfjell, PhD, associate dean for research and practice (see story on page 8), received the 2012 Joan L. Shaver Outstanding Nurse Leader Award. The award was pre-

sented as part of the 15th annual Power of Nursing Leadership event held November 2, 2012, in Chicago, Illinois. Several weeks later, Dr. Storfjell was also named the *Raise the Voice* Edge Runner for 2012, a designation for pioneering nurses.

Faculty member wins writing award

Elizabeth Johnston Taylor, PhD, RN, associate professor of nursing, was recently notified that she had won a PROSE Award Honorable Mention. The award was for her book *Religion: A Clinical Guide for Nurses*. More than 50 publishers submitted more than 500 entries in the competition. Dr. Johnston Taylor's book was listed in the nursing and allied health section. ❧

Beloved nursing instructor leaves legacy to benefit future students

by James Ponder

When Anabelle Mills Hills began her career at the College of Medical Evangelists in 1945, she had no idea she would become one of the best-loved teachers in the organization's history.

Four years later, the college inaugurated a baccalaureate nursing degree and Ms. Hills was asked to teach numerous courses. When the institution reorganized as Loma Linda University in 1961, Ms. Hills was promoted to associate professor at the School of Nursing. In 1966, she became director of the skills lab. After retiring in 1981, she continued to be a vital participant in the educational process, volunteering at the lab until 1993. Three years later, she was named emeritus associate professor. She passed away on February 3, 2010, at the age of 93.

"Anabelle was one of those rare

individuals who not only was able to pass on the knowledge and skills of nursing to her students," says Marilyn Herrmann, PhD, RN, dean of the School of Nursing—"but who loved

them as a mother, and they returned her affection."

Throughout her distinguished career, Ms. Hills loved the teaching and healing ministry of the School of Nursing. So strong was her commitment to the nursing program that she sought out a way to help future students. When she retired, Ms. Hills established a trust with LLU. A portion of her gift endowed the Anabelle Mills Hills Scholarship at her beloved School of Nursing. This thoughtful planning ensures her legacy will benefit Loma Linda nursing students for many years into the future.

To learn how you can include Loma Linda University in your plans, contact Todd Mekelburg in the office of planned giving at (909) 558-4553, or visit <llulegacy.org>. ❀



An invitation to become a Heritage Society Member

The Heritage Society honors those who have generously provided for the work of Loma Linda University, Medical Center, and Children's Hospital through a planned gift commitment. Anyone who makes estate or deferred gifts of any size through his or her will, trust, gift annuity, charitable remainder trust, life insurance policy, or retirement plans is recognized for dedication to our mission—to further the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ “to make man whole.”

Anabelle Hills Mills became a lifetime Heritage Society member when she made the commitment to leave part of her estate to the School of Nursing.

If you have included Loma Linda University Health in your estate plans, please contact the office of planned giving to join the Heritage Society at (909) 558-4553 or go to hs.llulegacy.org to fill out the easy online form. 🌸



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The Gift—Changing lives at the School of Nursing...

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enhance and improve the quality and delivery of health care, including the social, cultural, ethical, and spiritual dimensions thereof.”

Although the fund does not name Anita Schultz, it also honors her life-work. A School of Nursing graduate, she worked as a school nurse and helped to establish a number of school-based clinics to meet the health needs of students.

According to Marilyn Herrmann, PhD, dean of the school, the monies will be used to further a number of community outreach projects in the future, both locally and abroad. This is not the first time Mr. and Mrs. Schultz have donated to the school.

“The Schultzes have already made an impact on student and faculty members’ ability to work with the underserved in the Inland Empire,” Dr. Herrmann reports.

She adds that in the past, the couple has donated to offset costs of hiring a medical assistant to translate for nursing students at the SAC–Norton clinic in San Bernardino, and sponsored diabetes education research in the community under the direction of Edelweiss Ramal, PhD, assistant professor.

“This has opened the opportunity for students to experience working with the underserved of San Bernardino even when they do not speak Spanish,” Dr. Herrmann adds.

The high incidence of diabetes among Latinos living in San Bernardino County has motivated nursing faculty to conduct community-based diabetes education classes. Dr.



Mark and Anita Schultz, who recently established a community health perpetual endowment at the school, are grateful for the opportunity to help ensure the future of local, national, and international community health outreach.

Ramal says the highlight of the program has been helping participants learn to prepare tasty food that is good for their health.

“Having a nutritional instructor teach this portion of the classes was made possible by a grant from Mr. and Mrs. Schultz,” she shares. “To date, more than 100 members of the community have benefited.”

Best of all, several positive health outcomes have resulted from Mr.

and Mrs. Schultz’ generous philanthropic support.

Dr. Ramal reports that a considerable number of participants noted a decrease in A1c—a measurement of glycated hemoglobin in the blood to determine whether diabetes is under control—as well as a drop in triglyceride and cholesterol levels.

“This is evidence of the impact the classes have on diabetes self-care management,” she concludes.

GERTRUDE HAUSSLER & MAXINE DARLING

A scholarship has been established at the Loma Linda University School of Nursing to help graduate students in management and leadership.

The Gertrude Haussler and Maxine Darling Scholarship Fund serves as a memorial to Ms. Haussler

and a living tribute to Ms. Darling. The two nursing professionals devoted their lives in service to humanity.

Gertrude Haussler, MS, served Loma Linda University Medical Center in a variety of roles. After moving to the Inland Empire from Portland, Oregon, in 1956, she worked as super-



William and Marguerite Schultz were honored recently when their son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Anita Schultz, established a community health perpetual endowment in their name at Loma Linda University School of Nursing. William and Marguerite Schultz, farmers and ranchers, were active in a variety of community projects.

visor in the operating room. Shortly after, she began studying at the School of Nursing and graduated with her master's degree in nursing administration in 1960.

In 1962, Ms. Haussler was appointed assistant director for nursing service in the Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital, now LLU Medical Center. In 1967, the year the organization was renamed, she helped move the hospital from its former location on the hill to the current site. That same year, she was promoted to associate director of nursing.

In 1969, Ms. Haussler was named assistant administrator at LLU Medical Center, and in 1981, she advanced to the position of vice president.

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Hello alumni,

Another year has passed us by; the adage is true about life seeming to go by more quickly as one gets older. It feels like the alumni were just here and now it's almost time for another gathering!

This year our theme is "Seasons of Change," and as I reflect on the history of this School of Nursing, we can see how the school has changed its program to meet the needs of an evolving nursing practice, but its core has remained the same: "the education of professional nurses who are dedicated to excellence in nursing science."

When the alumni come back to visit their alma mater for the Alumni Weekend, April 12 and 13, 2013, they will see new faces in the faculty, new areas of the nursing building, and a new curriculum. The school has now taken over the majority of West Hall with the graduate program now where the School of Pharmacy once was. The school has added several Capstone courses so that students can now integrate leadership and management skills into nursing care. Another new change coming will be the expansion of the skills lab to incorporate a simulation area where students can practice skills on standardized patients and manikins to get more of a "hands-on" practice in a safe environment. We are going through our own season of change as we continue to guide students into practice.

The alumni are a big part of what we have evolved into. Whether you as an alumnus contribute monetarily or volunteer for our classes or pray for the continued operation of this school, we appreciate you. This school thrives because of its alumni! We hope to see you this coming April; come by and see the changes and share your stories of your time here at the school. Change is what makes your stories so special to share with us.

As I close, I just want to leave you this thought: while the school may have changed since you graduated, please remember that the One constant we have held through our years of existence is our Lord and Savior. As stated in Hebrews 13: 8—"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (NIV). He will always guide this school; He is the reason we are still here, 108 years later!

God bless you all,

Zelne Zamora, DNP, RN '87
President, Alumni Association



School of Nursing KJN Brunch celebrates friends and donors

by Dustin Jones, MA

Without friends and supporters of the School of Nursing, the preparation of qualified nurses could not continue. The importance of these individuals is celebrated each year with a special recognition brunch. Last year, the Kathryn Jensen Nelson Society Brunch was held Sunday, April 15, 2012.

"This was my first brunch for the society," says Aaron J. Laudenslager, MBA, development officer for Loma Linda University Health's advancement team. Mr. Laudenslager works extensively with the School of Nursing. "It was great connecting with our supporters individually and learning more about what their interests are."

The brunch, named after one of the School of Nursing founders, honors those who give \$250 or more to the School of Nursing during the previous year. Traditionally, it has been held annually on the Sunday following the school's alumni weekend.

The Sunday brunch began with a welcome from Marilyn Herrmann, PhD, dean of the School of Nursing, along with an introduction of Mr. Laudenslager, who had recently joined the team.

Elizaberr Bossert, DNS, associate dean of the graduate program, offered prayer, and the guests were dismissed for brunch.

Dr. Herrmann gave a report of how the school has performed over the past year. She indicated that



Jan Nick, PhD (left), associate professor, School of Nursing, shares a moment with Anita Schultz, a 1965 graduate, and Helen King, PhD, dean emeritus of the School of Nursing and a 1959 graduate, during the Kathryn Jensen Nelson Society Brunch.

enrollment has increased for the school. Additionally, she gave an update of how the global education programs are making a difference internationally by raising the standards of nursing throughout the world.

A special video, titled "Making it Real," was shown to the brunch attendees. The video was prepared by students from the School of Nursing and documented a recent elective that they had taken in Botswana with Dolores Wright, PhD, associate professor of nursing.

Dr. Bossert then took the stage and interviewed a graduate student, Shanthi Solomon. Ms. Solomon shared her personal story of how she ended up at Loma Linda University and how her life has changed since she has attended.

"I could not have done it without your support," Ms. Solomon shared with the audience.

For information on how to become a member of the Kathryn Jensen Nelson Society, please contact Mr. Laudenslager at the School of Nursing at (909) 558-9101. ❀

The school opens its doors to alumni during reunion weekend

by Dustin Jones, MA

School of Nursing classmates who hadn't seen each other for more than 50 years, in some cases, were reunited during the LLUSN alumni weekend, held April 13 and 14, 2012.

The weekend began with events on Friday that included tours of West Hall and the Centennial Complex. The highlight for most alumni occurred Saturday afternoon during lunch, where the classes separated into groups and reconnected with each other. Memories were shared, along with some tears.

"I want to thank all of the alumni who came for alumni weekend," says Zelne Zamora, DNP, president of the Alumni Association. "We had many compliments about how enjoyable the weekend was and how wonderful everyone looked after 25, 30, 40, 50, or 60 years later!"

"Laughter rang out during the Sabbath luncheon as alumni recounted many fond memories and antics while in school," Dr. Zamora continues.

The banquet on Saturday evening started with a roll call from Dr. Zamora, who read off the years as classmates stood to be recognized.

Marilyn Herrmann, PhD, dean of LLUSN, gave a brief report on the state of the school, along with the success that has been reached over the past year, along with the challenges.

"Welcome to all of you who have returned for our alumni banquet," said Dr. Herrmann. "It is 105 years ago this



Three generations of graduates attend the reunion. Evelyn Shearer (middle right), graduated in 1941; her daughter, LoRita Larsen (middle left), graduated in 1972; and her granddaughter, Lydia Larsen (right), graduated in 2012. Evelyn's other granddaughter, Emily Larsen (left), will graduate from the School of Allied Health Professions in 2014.

spring since we graduated our first class.

"Since that time, we have graduated more than 8,400 nurses at Loma Linda. They have worked all over this globe so that the name 'Loma Linda nurse' is well recognized. It is a great honor for those of us who teach here to be able to help continue the tradition of graduating nurses who combine the teaching and

healing ministry of Jesus Christ in the practice of their profession."

Dr. Herrmann noted that in the past year, 114 students received more than \$250,000 in scholarship assistance.

"On behalf of those students and faculty, I would like to thank you for sharing your financial resources with them," Dr. Herrmann continued. ❁

Homecoming weekend

Don't forget to join us for homecoming weekend at Loma Linda University School of Nursing

April 12 & 13, 2013
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Honored classes celebrate during alumni homecoming





School of Nursing Alumni Association names Alumni of the Year and other awards

by Dustin Jones, MA

Several awards were presented during the Saturday evening banquet, including four Merit Scholarship Awards. Receiving the undergraduate awards were Courtney Hayward and Cassandra Mort. The graduate awards were presented to Megan Schatzschneider and Lili Yang.

In addition, two Alumni of the Year Awards were presented during the alumni banquet. **Julie Pearce, PhD, MSN ('62)**, and **Zelne Zamora, DNP, RN ('87)**, were the recipients of the coveted awards presented by the Alumni Association.

Dr. Pearce was born on November 11, 1940, in Seattle, Washington. Her parents moved to Redlands in 1960 where she attended Loma Linda University School of Nursing. She received her bachelor's degree from Loma Linda in 1962 and went on to earn a master's degree in nursing in 1965. She would continue her education at Columbia Pacific University, where she received her PhD.

Dr. Pearce worked as a medical-surgical nurse and psychiatric nurse in her clinical practice. Her advanced degree gave her opportunity to teach for one year at Atlantic Union College, three years at La Sierra University, a community college in Florida, and 12 years at Pacific Union College.

In her 12 years at PUC, she chaired the nursing program, with responsibilities including tending to four different on-site and off-site campuses, overseeing an LVN-to-BS program for med-

ical airmen, organizing the nursing core courses, and coordinating clinical placement for students.

Dr. Pearce's work at PUC gave her many experiences, such as working with the medical airmen from the Air Force. Even deployed, the servicemen brought their notes and, upon graduation, received not only a promotion to an officer, but also standing ovations from the graduation audience for their service to their country. Dr. Pearce was made an honorary colonel at one of the pinning ceremonies for her part in helping servicemen become registered nurses so they would have a degree once their military experience was complete.

While at PUC, she traveled regularly to off-site campuses. Her love of traveling opened up an opportunity to

go to Braila, Romania, to visit an Adventist nursing school. In 1998, Romania had been liberated from communism for less than 10 years, so Dr. Pearce was able to assist with setting up the school even though their resources were at the time.

In 2002, she went to Sri Lanka with curriculum materials based off of PUC's basic nursing format to start a new nursing school. The government approved the format and PUC became a sister school, providing textbooks and many resources to the Sri Lankan school library.

The Sri Lankan nursing school was very successful and became the first non-government school to offer the government exams to receive an RN license. Dr. Pearce was there when the



Julie Pearce, PhD (right), addresses the audience prior to receiving the Alumna of the Year Award from Kathie Ingram, MSN, associate professor, School of Nursing.

government evaluated the graduates and the school curriculum. The lowest score on the government exams by the students was 91 percent. She was there for the first graduation and continues to get help from the PUC faculty for more books and up-to-date resources.

Dr. Pearce has been married to Chuck Pearce for 45 years, and they have lived in California, Florida, and Maine.

Twenty-five years ago Zelne Zamora graduated from LLUSN, following in her older brother's footsteps. As a student she demonstrated leadership skills that are present in her current position as assistant professor of nursing. She was active in student government and served as president of her senior class. In recognition of her academic and leadership skills, she was nominated to the honor society in nursing, Sigma Theta Tau.

While still in school, Dr. Zamora began working as a staff nurse at Corona Regional Medical Center and has worked in the clinical setting ever since. From 1987 to 2005, she worked at Parkview Community Hospital and Medical Center, moving up the ladder to supervisory positions. From 2005 until now, she has continued to keep her clinical skills current by working at LLU Medical Center.

Beginning in 1994, she started her teaching career at LLUSN—first as a clinical instructor and then as assistant professor when she completed her MS degree at Azusa Pacific



Zelne Zamora, DNP (right), proudly displays her Alumna of the Year Award with Marilyn Herrmann, PhD, dean of the School of Nursing.

University in 1997. While teaching full-time and keeping current by working weekly at LLU Medical Center, Dr. Zamora went on to complete her DNP in 2010 at the University of San Diego.

Since joining the School of Nursing as a faculty member, Dr. Zamora has given her time as sponsor to the association of student nurses. For many years, she has helped plan student activities including the yearly retreat, while at the same time serving the School of Nursing Alumni Association, most recently as president. She has worked to increase the participation of younger alumni on the alumni board and has encouraged students to develop an awareness of the alumni activities.

Alumni weekend activities have been expanded to include a vespers before the banquet, and a Friday registration and tour of the facilities.

Dr. Zamora is recognized by students and graduates alike for her excellence in teaching and her clinical skills; but most of all, students and alumni honor her for the love and care she has shown toward each of them.

"We are blessed to have the School of Nursing and proud of the accomplishments of our alumni," says Dr. Zamora. "I wish the alumni continued blessings wherever they may be. We hope you continue to keep in touch with the Alumni Association and hope to see you again at a future alumni weekend." ❀

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A sidebar article to an interview with Ms. Haussler in the January-March, 1982, edition of *Nurse in Action*—the flagship publication at that time of the Medical Center nursing division—reports Ms. Haussler was proud of her position and title.

“It represents a first for recognition of the role of the nurse and of women in the administration of this particular health care center,” the article noted.

In the interview, Ms. Haussler prognosticated on the future of her profession in words that ring true 25 years later.

“The nursing profession is not static,” she observed. “Change has become an essential characteristic of our times because the challenges confronting nurses are significant. Nursing has successfully weathered many, many changes and will face more in the future. Hopefully, nurses will use these challenges to initiate a far-reaching reassessment of their role and place in the health care system.

“I am proud of the unstinting efforts of our nursing staff in providing and coordinating patient care,” she concluded. “It is time nurses at LLUMC allow themselves to feel good about nursing and their endeavors to make it better.”

When she retired in the late 1980s—“probably 1989,” her long-term friend Maxine Darling, MS, says—Ms. Haussler assisted in the operating room at the Medical Center.

“She took care of the paperwork and set up policies and procedures in the OR,” Ms. Darling recalls. “She also helped establish a protocol for evaluating patients before they went into surgery, taking vitals, and making sure



they were ready.”

Ms. Haussler passed away on March 19, 2012, not quite a month before her 91st birthday.

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“Gertrude wasn’t a lifelong Adventist,” Ms. Darling continues. “Her uncle worked at Walla Walla Academy and he enticed them to take her into the school of nursing at Portland San even though she wasn’t a member of the Church. She took Bible classes there and joined the Church.”

A few years later, eager to further

her own nursing education, Ms.

Darling relocated to Loma Linda and went to work in the operating room while completing her master’s degree in nursing administration at LLUSN.

“I taught at the school for five years,” Ms. Darling notes. “I taught a class in operating room technique. That was a long time ago. They gave me a ‘thingie’ with Florence Nightingale’s lamp on it in recognition of those years—some kind of a plaque or award.”

Unlike some Oregonians, who complain about the dry climate of the Inland Empire, Ms. Haussler and Ms. Darling developed an affinity for the mountains and deserts of Southern California.

“We loved to go camping in the High Sierras and out in the desert,” Ms. Darling shares. “After a while, we fell in with a bunch of adventurers from San Diego who liked to ride

In memory



The late Gertrude Haussler, MS, former vice president of Loma Linda University Medical Center, and alumnus of the Loma Linda University School of Nursing, was proud of her role in representing the role of nurses and women.

dune buggies. I bought a 1968 VW bug and had it converted into a dune buggy. I've still got it. We had a grand time!"

Ms. Darling loves to go fishing. When asked about the biggest fish she ever caught, she recalls landing a 50-pound King Salmon with no help whatsoever from the captain of the boat.

"He was kind of selfish," she recalls. "He said, 'You paid for the trip, so you reel it in.' That was kind of mean! Anyway, the fish put up a big fight, but Gertrude and I worked together and managed to bring it in."

Working together one final time, the two friends decided to pool their resources and establish a scholarship to help future generations of nursing professionals. After Ms. Haussler's

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Sonja Rhodes ('59B) passed away January 19, 2013. After graduation, Sonja worked as a nurse for several years before deciding to pursue a law degree. She received her juris doctor degree in 1969 and practiced law for 35 years in Santa Ana, California, until she retired in 2005.

Sonja had a deep desire to help worthy student nurses who needed assistance with financing their education. Less than 10 years after graduation, Sonja encouraged her classmates to donate to a scholarship for School of Nursing students. Her desire was for the class to present such a scholarship to LLUSN on the 10th anniversary of their graduation.

Realizing that most of the class had little extra money for such a project, she suggested \$5 or \$10 given by each class member would make a worthy gift for the school. Sonja continued to pursue the development of a scholarship fund for the many years that followed, including appeals in the annual class letter and Christmas greetings.

The fund has been reality for a number of years. After Sonja's passing, the class asked that her name be included in the scholarship name to honor her tireless efforts in support of the School of Nursing.

Sonja was persistent in encouraging the class to return for alumni weekends



Sonja Rhodes ('59B) passed away on January 19, 2013. Sonja worked tirelessly to keep in touch with classmates and support the school.

and the Kathryn Jensen Nelson Brunches. Prior to the 50th anniversary of the class of 1959B, Sonja purposefully made a journey to the Northwest to visit classmates and encourage them to attend. Many said that they came primarily because of Sonja. It became obvious that she considered her nursing classmates to be her family!

She sent birthday cards and Christmas cards to each classmate annually. Phone calls also came regularly to classmates. If any classmate came to Southern California, she was on the phone planning a mini-reunion. Barbara Van Ornam writes: "Sonja was the glue that held together the LLUSN '59B class! We mourn our friend, classmate, and class glue."

Near and far

Lucile Lewis, MS ('58), *emeritus professor of nursing*, is living in a nursing home in Candler, North Carolina. Her brother, Glenn Lewis, writes that she cannot walk, and she uses a wheelchair for mobility. She has age-related dementia and some days are better than others. She relates well to the hospital-like setting, and there are times she lets Glenn know the hospital staff are not doing things right. A while back, a nurse gave her a clipboard and asked Lucile if she could make some care plans for some of the patients. She spent the afternoon wheeling around in her chair trying to write, and though the staff couldn't read much of it, Lucile was definitely in her

element and seemed to enjoy herself thoroughly. Glenn reports that her quality of life now is not very good and requests that those who knew Lucile keep her in their prayers. "Up until a few months ago," Glenn writes, "she would read her Bible, but now she can't read very well. We brought her back to North Carolina in August of 2010 after she suffered a serious fall in California." Glenn lives across the street from Lucile in a retirement center. If anyone would like to write Lucile, her address is #9 Rhododendron Way, Candler, North Carolina. "Thank you and God bless the School of Nursing which Lucile cared so much about," he writes.



Lucile Lewis, MS ('58), is currently living in a nursing home in Candler, North Carolina.

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passing, Ms. Darling contacted Marilyn Herrmann, PhD, dean of LLUSN, to set up the fund.

Ms. Darling wasn't counting on a substantial assist from 150 of her closest friends, but Dr. Herrmann insists that's exactly what happened.

"Jeannie Burgdorff came up with the idea of asking everybody to contribute money for the scholarship fund instead of gifts," Dr. Herrmann reports. "So they threw this great big party for Maxine's 86th birthday last September and raised \$7,000 for the fund."

Ms. Burgdorff, who serves as nurse manager of the sterile processing department at LLU Medical Center, says the party turned out very well.



"Maxine was shocked," Ms. Burgdorff remembers. "She thought she was only going out for dinner with

Maxine Darling, MS, a self-proclaimed "somewhat retired" operating room nurse who still works on a flexible schedule three days a week at Loma Linda University Medical Center, loves to garden and fish.

a couple of friends."

"We are so grateful for the generosity of Ms. Haussler and Ms. Darling in remembering the School of Nursing in such a thoughtful manner," Dr. Herrmann observes. "They dedicated decades of their lives to serving the needs of others. By establishing this scholarship, they are paving the way for motivated students to follow in their footsteps." ❀



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